MONTPELIER, VT., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1900.

Barre. Miss Helen Tracey is visiting at her hom in Johnson.

Goddard Seminary closed last Friday for vacation until January 3.

William Stephenson was declared insane at Judge Carleton's office in Montpelier last Friday and was ordered confined in the State asylum for the insane at Waterbury, where he was taken Saturday afternoon. He was violent and it took six men to tie him and carry him into a baggare car. Capt. E W. Owen conducted the service at Salvation Army hall Sunday moraling and preached on "The Unpardonable Sin."

James Johnson is visiting in Quincy, Harry Smith was arrested Friday night by Officer Brown for intoxication. e plead-ed guilty Saturday morning before Judge and paid his fine and costs of \$17.97.

The Barre telephone exchange is soon to be moved to more commodious quarters in the new Miles granite block. A new switch board will be added to the equipment of

Forty or more friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharkey gave them a surprise party last Thursday evening at their home on Brook street, on the thirty-fifth anniversary Brook street, on the thirty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. The affair was kept as a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Sharkey, and they had no intimation of it until the party arrived at the house. Mr. Sharkey was the recipient of a fine leather upholstered chair, and Mrs. Sharkey was presented with a parlor lamp. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight, when refreshments were served.

A. B. Lane will come home from Dart-mouth college this week for the holidays. mouth college this week for the holidays.

The case of Dr. J. E. McSween's gainst the town of Barre, to recover \$100 for professional services, was tried in city court last Friday afternoon before Judge Fay and a jury. H. W. Scott appeared for the plaintiff and Gordon & Jackson for the defendant town. When the plaintiff had finished putting in evidence the court ordered a verdict for the defendant, on the ground that Dr. McSweeney had not made out a that Dr. McSweeney had not made out a

A permanent organization of the Prohibition club was effected last Friday evening,
when Dr. L. W. Hanson was elected president; R. S. Belknap, secretary, and C. S.
Wallace, treasurer. The object of the club
is to spread correct knowledge regarding
the various phases of the drink problem,
and to show that prohibition tends to the
peace, happiness and general prosperity of
a community, such as cannot be found in license towns and cities ense towns and cities

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The condition of the granite business in Barre is not as brisk as the manufacturers would be glad to see it, but there is no cause for complaint. Most of the sheds will shut down for the usual holiday recess of one and two weeks, and many have orders shead enough to keep their force busy from the first week in January to Memorial Day. The "dull spell" in the granite business that slways precedes a national election was shorter than usual this year and it is already giving way to improved conditions for the near future. During the dull period many of the manufacturing estabperiod many of the manufacturing estat lishments have materially improved their plants and equipments, many new sheds have been built and the demand for Barre granite is greater than ever before. The granite is greater than ever before. The market is ever expanding, the territory is increasing' and the future is full of prom-

Miss Nellie McDaniels is visiting at her Peter and Allen Smith of Montreal were

called to Barre last week by the death of Rodney Smith, their brother. Mrs. Thompson and daughter of Coos, N

All the Italian stores in the city have joined the union, and applications of the clerks for membership in the union have been presented.

E. L. Smith returned last Friday from Buffalo, N. Y., where he went on a business

The public schools closed last Friday for a vacation until Monday, January 7. John George was at home from Dartmouth college to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bertha

Durkee, his sister. Four young boys of Barre have formed an orchestra and they are industriously practicing under the direction of Edwin Bruce. They are: J. J. McGowan, violin; Mark Roberts, cello; Earl Bemis, cornet, and Ivan

Perry, clarionet. The cutes old and the youngest thirteen. clarionet. The eldest is fifteen years old and the youngest thirteen.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Norman J. McKenzie and Miss Mary E. Morrison, who are to be married in the Presbyterian church at Graniteville on Christmas eve. A reception in Miles' hall, in this city, will follow the ceremony.

L. A. Cheever has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Burlington office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Com-pany, and will go to that city December 26, to enter upon his duties.

Rodney Smith died last Friday at his home on Cliff street, aged thirty-seven years. Mr. Smith was formerly foreman at the E. L. Smith & Company quarry, but for the E. L. Smith & Company quarry, but for five years had been unable to work because of liver trouble. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Smith, and was universally re-spected. He is survived by six brothers, Funeral services were held Saturday after-noon, Rev. Dr. S. N. Jackson officiating, as-sisted by Rev. W. Morrison of Grauite-ville. Burial was in Elmwood cemetery.

Mrs. Bertha Durkee died last Wednesday Mrs. Bertha Durkee died last wednesday night, after an illness of two years. She was a sister of Sergeant Dustin George who fell in the Philippines last summer Mrs. Durkee was formerly a popular teacher in the Barre public schools. She leaves two daughters. Funeral services were held Saturday forencon, Rev. J. H. Winslow of Whitefield. N. H., officiating, assisted by Bev. A. E. Atwater. Burlal was at East Brookfield.

Rev. Dr. Norman Seaver of Montpeller addressed a union service at the opera house last Sunday evening.

M. L. Towne was confined to the house rheumatism several days last week.

The report of Health Officer O. G. Stick ney for the month of November shows there have been nine deaths and fifteen births in the city during that month. Ten cases of contagious disease were reported, seven of scarlet fever and three of diph-theria. No deaths resulted from these ten Seven bodies were brought to Barre for burial during the month, three in Elm wood and four in the Catholic cemetery.

Walter LaBelle is at his home in Resex Junction, recuperating from an attack typhoid fever. The case of the Pilgrim Baking Powder Company of Boston against W. H. Connor & Son was tried before Judge Fay in city court last Wednesday. G. A. Bingham and A. A. Sargent appeared for the plaintiff and R. A. Hoar for the defendant. The defendant was given a decision to recover his costs. The plaintiff will take the case direct to

Supreme court. J. M. Thurston is visiting at his former

Presiding Elder Joshua Gill of Boston was the guest of L. K. Averill last week. Miss Kate West, assistant postmaster and secretary of the local civil service board, has posted in the city hall corridor a list of eligible candidates for the positions of clerk and carrier in the Barre postoffice together with the percentage they secured at the last civil service examination. There were but three in each class. Those for clerk, with their percentage, are; Miss Mary L. H. Reed, Barre, 81.58; Lewis W. Sibley, East Mont-

peller, 81.63, and William Mercer, Barre, 74,18. Those for carrier, with their percentage, are: W. H. Messer, Barre, 90,58; John W. Flint, Williamstown, 73.45; Earl M. Lewis, Barre, 72.38. According to the civil service rules, by which the postoffice departs on his graphs. partz ent is governed, all vacancies occuring must be filled from the eligible is. At the list for each position is now full to the list for each position is now fall further civil service exam nations will pro-ably be held for some time.

Miss Laura Gilman, a student at Goddard Seminary, has gone to her home in Fairles to remain until after the holidays.

During the six days ending last Sa urday there were issued from the Barre postoffice 255 money orders amounting to nearly 83000. The bulk of this money was sent to scorland, I aly and Switzerland. Mrs John R. Tierney was taken to Mary

for treatment. She was accompanied b Dr. J. E. McSwenney of this city. Mrs. William Douglass and young son sailed from Boston last Wedne-day on the steamsbip "Commonwealth," for Aber-deer, Scotland, their former home where they are to remain six months.

The Italian anarchists of Barre beld a dance and social in Miles hall last Monday evening for the purpose of raising funds for the benefit of the two children of Bressi, the murderer of King Humbert of Italy. Mu-sic was furnished by the Transatlantic tand and nearly \$100 was realized. This was the first simon pure anarchist ball ever held in

One of the most enjoyable entertainments of the winter was the lecture given last Wednesday evening by Father Nugert of Des Moines, Iowa, on "Philosophy of Civilizative." This was Father Nugent's first visit to Vermont but he is sure of a crowded once of the Cambra of se if he ever ugain vaits the Granite

a meeting of the shareholders of the As a meeting of the chareholders of the new Independent Telephone Company heid as: Wednesday evening in the Granite Manufacturers' hall it was unanimously voted to accept the charter granted the company by the recent legislature. The work of putting in a plant will at once be-

A the annual meeting of the Barre Library Association held this week the report of the secretary showed over a thousand more hooks issued in the past year than during any previous year. The public reading room has been liberally patronized and several of the leading magazines and periodicals of the day have recently been added.
Mi-s Carrie Wheelook was elected president; Mrs. H. A. Phelps, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. L. L. Boyce, librarian.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hayward gave a re ception at their home on Bolster avenue las Wednesday evening on the occasion of the enth anniversary of their marriage. They were assisted in receiving by Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Fuller. Mr. Hayward was the recip-lent of a handsome roll top desk and Mrs. Hayward received several useful articles. The affair was impromptu in character bu was thoroughly enjoyable.

K. W. Morse, proprietor of the City hotel has this week put in service two surreys fo ree transportation of patrons of the hotel One is kept in Depot Square and one at the

Rev. Dr. S. N. Jackson, pastor of the Rev. Dr. S. M. Jackson, pastor of the Congregational church, surprised his con-gregation Sunday morning at the close of his sermon, by reading his reason his failing health and the necessity of a Euro-pean trie. He had refrained from taking any vacation owing to the financial condi-tion of the society. There is some doubt regarding the occuptance of Dr. Jackson's resignation. Dr. Jackson has been paster of the church for six years.

South Ryegate.

A. T. Gay has been drawn on a struck jury to try a railroad case in Caledonia county court that is set for trial on Monday, December 31.

The first entertainment in the lecture course under the auspices of Clan Farqua-harson was given Thursday evening at Gibson's hall by Edward H. Frye of Boston, monologness. It gave excellent satisfaction and was largely patronized. The next entertainment will be on Thursday evening, January 3.

About seventy five people at ended the kitchen dance given last Thursday evening by Fred Boardman. Music was turnished by Broadway Brothers, and refreshments of cake and coffee were served

W. T. George went on Friday to Man chester, N. H., on a business trip. The Leet Sisters of Topsham entertained a large sudience in the First Presbyterian church last Friday evening. A pleasing feature of the entertainment was ithe work f the ' Zobo Band."

Joseph Keenan, aged seventy years, is dangerously ill from the effects of a shock eccived lest Wednesday. His recovery is not expected.

H. R. McNiece has a position with th Manufac u ing Company at Pike Station, N. H.

The effliction that has come to Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Baofill of Cabol, in the death of their daughter Glenn from diphtheria has aroused much sympathy in this village where Mr. and Nrs. Banfill resided before

they located in Cabot. Leon Adams is clerk in the Gibson store and is also attending the High school. Business is quiet at present at the grau-ite sheds and will probably remain so until after the holidays.

Albert Hall, who is serving as a juror a the December term of Caledonia count; cours at St. Johnsbury, was obliged to re turn to his home this week because of ill

A. T. Gay has rented his house, formerly occupied by Mrs. Wilson, to B. S. Terry. Mr. Terry will move in as soon as necessary repairs are made.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Sargent visited in Hartford, Conn., last week.

The Reformed Presbyterian Sunday-chool will have a Christmas tree with exercises on Monday evening, December 24 The barrel opening of the mission band will take place Friday evening. Charles Ord is working for Alexande

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Grant of Barre were guests last week of Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Jackson.

The ladies of the Reformed Presbyterian church will expend the \$35 realized from a recent sale in the repairs on the parsonage. N. E. Morrison has contracted to build a barn in the spring for John McKinley of Ryegate to replace the one destroyed by

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. McAllister have returned from their wedding trip. They were married in Boston Thanksgiving day The members of the family of M. H. Gibson are all convalescent from the measles. Mrs. N. A. Gates is recovering from

dangerous illness with pleurisy George Crow has closed his labors at Mc Indoes and is at home for the winter.

Mr and Mrs. William Bane of South Berwick, Me., were recent visitors in town. L. J. Meader was the delegate and Mrs. C. J. Nelson the alternate from Blue Mountain Grangs to the annual meeting of the State Grange, held this week at Brattle-

Marshfield.

George Wooster is suffering from a severe attack of rh umatism Our students at Goddard Seminary are at home for the holiday vacation.

Elmer Benjamin has purchased a small timber lot, about one and one-half miles north of the village, of J. P. Lamson of Cabot, from which he is cutting the timber and will draw it to J. A. Woodward's mill

Rev. G. W. Manning went to Hyde Park on Monday to visit a brother who met with an accident and is critically ill. The Marshfield co-operative creamers paid patrons twenty-six and one-half cents per pound for October butter fat, or twenty-three and forty-five one-hundredths

for chain test, thirteen per cent surplus. As George Gee was returning home a few nights since, his horse broke through a cuivert near Fred Lam ecton's mills, caus-ing the horse to fall, breaking one thill of the sleigh and putting out one eye of the horse so that the ball of the eye hung out on the side o. its face.

One of the new snowrollers found its way to James Whitehill's shop Monday morning where a little iron work will complete it for use. This is the first one of the four which it was voted to have completed on or before October 1, the contract for building the woodwork of which was awarded to

Various reports have been in circulation Various reports have been in circulation regarding the number of persons holding stock in the Marshfield co-operative creamery. That these may be corrected and put at rest it has been authoritatively ascertained that there are fifty persons who are holding stock and will receive the dividend declared on last year's business.

An old hand loom flax wheal clock year

An old hand loom, flax wheel, clock reel and swif's were recently shipped by M. E. Beckiev to the "Hull House," a kindergarten in Chicago, where they will be set up and used to instruct the children in an ient methods in spinning and weaving. The loom was secured from Martha Bickford of Cabot and the remainder of the outfit was the property of the late Mrs. William Wil-

Alonzo Buxton, aged 67 years, died last week of heart disease and a complication of other diseases at his home on Hollister hill. The funeral was held at the house on

Mrs. William Wilson, who has been in poor health for a number of years, died last we k Tuesday morning at the home of her faughter, Mrs. M. E. Beckley, where Mr. and iMrs. Wilson have made their home since they sold their farm. The faneral services were held at the house on Thursday, Rev. G. M. Manning officiating, and the remains were taken to Lower Cabot for interment. Mrs. Wilson had been a long and very patient sufferer. Predominant above all pain was her solicitude for her family. Their welfare as more development. family. Their welfare seemed ever present with her and her last words were those of cantion to her daughter last she overtax her strength in her care for her. Mrs. Wilson formerly lived in Barre, where a sister, a Mrs. Smith, survives her. She also leaves a husband, two sons and a daughter.

The Bohemian glass blowers are in town for the week.

The Christmas festival at the Congregational church will be held on Christmas night. The Universali t and "New Discovery" Sunday schools will unite with the home school in giving the service "Happy Christmas Bells," and in other services.

"Opportunity improved is the key to safe-ty and success; but 'too late' is the most unhappy time that ever comes to man."
The New York Life Insurance company is a
mutual company having over 500,000 members. A. T. Davis, special agent.

The patrons of the creamery will have a bee Wednesday to harvest their stock of ice, It will be taken from Wood Brothers' pond this year instead of from "Nob Hill" as for-merly. Fortunately for the patrons our ponds are not yet all of them under the "ice

F J. Marshail has established his law of-fice in one of the basement rooms of his block.

The public library will be closed at five P. M. on Christmas day.

The usual holiday hours of closing will be observed at the post-office Christmas day and evening.

Milford Kizer and John Lane are sawing Abbie Hyde. chair stock for J. A. Woodward.

George Mears of Boston was in town last

Samuel Meader of Craftsbury was in town last week. On January 1 his lease of the town farm expires and he expects to return to his farm in Calais. The Methodist church choir will meet for

rehearsal this week Friday evening at the nome of Mrs. J. Berton Pike. Mrs. H. M. Burnap of Calais was in town

Martin Newton returned from Lowell, Mass., last week. His wife will remain there for a time to care for an aged aunt.

East Roxbury. There is to be a Christmas tree by the Winifred Foss came home from Wells River on Saturday for the holiday vacation.

Orlando Thayer was summoned to Chel ea as a witness in the Foster vs. King es Frederick Rutz visited his children at

North Randolph last week. Mrs. Helen Abbott of Brookfield visited Mrs. L. A. Eastman on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Allen were in Mont Bert Williams who cut his foot quite bady, is able to use it again.

E. E. Howe has finished the job of draw-

J. F. Pearson of North Berwick, Me., has been visiting at Alphonso Ladd's the past

Mrs. Kibbee of Northfield has been visitng Mrs. John Buzzeil.

Mrs. Lucy Webster received a box of lovely chrysanthemums from her aughter Lella in Framingham, as a birthday re-

minder John Ladd and Reinholdt Rutz have recertly trapped a fox, seven coons, ter skunks and five musk-rats.

Eda Rutz who has been dressmaking at East Brookfield came home Saturday. Topsham.

Henry Weed died very suddenly at his ome last week. J. R. McLam came home from Chelsea to conduct the funeral on

A reception was given to Mr, and Mrs. J. R. Caldwell last Friday evening at their home. Notwithstanding the cold, about seventy-five of their neighbors and friends gathered to congratulate them, and to partake of the bountful repast provided for them, consisting of oysters, wedding cake, oranges, grapes, etc. Rev. J. A. McCleiland, in a very pleasing way, presented them a gift from the Topeham friends, to which they both responded, with heartful which they both responded, with heartfelt thanks. Those present will not soon for-get the pleasant evening enjoyed.

George Mall has been making extensive repairs on his saw mill. Rev. Mr. Hatch of East Corinth will exchange with Rev. Mr. McClelland of this place next Sunday.

Charles R. Taggart will give an enter-tainment in the town hall Friday evening, December 21, for the benefit of the Tops-ham Young People's Library.

Theodore Morrison has purchased the old cheese factory building at Maple Corner and will use it for a wood working and

Henry Severance is working for E. A. D. E. and A. W. Hawkins are visiting in

Mrs. Rhoda Templeton was taken suddenly ill Thursday evening at H. Lillie's. Dr. Lawrence of Worcester is attending her. Mrs Ila Persons, Mrs. Josie Converse, Miss Gilkey and Miss Church visited in Montpelier last Saturday.

The patrons of the Kent's Corner station received twenty-one and one-half cents for November butter.

The officers for the Calais Creamery Company for the coming year are: T. T. Lamphere, president; H. A. Morse, vice-president; George Kent, secretary; O. H. Kent, treasurer; directors, H. A. Morse, T. T. Lamphere, I. G. Robinson, George Kent and J. A. Slavton.

Christmas exercises will be held at the Christian church Monday evening, December 24, and at the school house vestry, Ma-ple Corner, Tuesday evening, December 25.

Mrs. Russell Sawyer visited her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Dale of Waterbury, the first of the week.

Mrs Ellen Smith of Stowe is visiting her sleee, Mrs. L. Wilcox.

Leonard Harrington, one of the oldest residents in town, died at his home last Friday. Funeral services were held from the house Sunday at one r. M. Mr. Har-rinston had been an invalid for a long time and was most tenderly cared for by his only daughter, Katherine, with whom his only daughter, Katherine, with whom his ast years were spent. O. A. Harrington, its son, was present from Hillsboro Bridge,

John Bidgood went to New Hampshire last Monday morning.

It is expected there will be Christmas ex-ercises and tree at the Methodist church. Mrs. F. E. Johnson lost a pair of gold bowed spectacles last Friday between her residence in the village and that of Burton Ward's down the river.

Brookfleid.

Mias Blanche Durkee recently visited Barre and Montpelier. Julian Morse has been confined to his bed for several days with heart trouble. William C. Clark's neighbors went last Fri-day and helped him get up his woodpile.

Mrs. Curtis Kibbee has returned after spending several weeks in Randolph, being treated by Dr. H. H. McIntyre. A. L. Follansbee killed two pigs last week eight months old, one weighing 338 pounds, the smaller one 301 pounds. Dea. William S. Graves killed one the same age weighing 333

Mrs. Myron Johnson of Brattleboro, is with her father, Josiah Smith, helping care for her sister, Mrs. Emma Luce, who is very sick. Miss Lulu Sargent returned to Shrewsbury, Mass., last week, to spend the winter.

Mrs. Solomon Smith still remains in Morris ville with her daughter, Mrs. Billings, who is Nelson Kinney is moving his family to South Northfield, where Mrs. Kinney can take care of her mother, Mrs. Buzzell, who has had a

Mr. and Mrs. George Hall welcomed an other boy to their home last week.

Frank McWhorter of Barre is spending some time with his brother-in-law, Julian Morse and family. Miss Edith Caligan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Caligan, filed last Thursday, after a long sickness. The funeral was held from her late home last Sunday after noon, Rev. R. H., Abercrombie officiating. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Caligan in their affliction.

Last Thursday evening was the annual elec-Last Hursday evening was the annual elec-tion of officers in Crescent Chapter, No. 37, Order of Easters Star, and resulted as follows: W. M., Mrs. Louise Bigelow; W. P., Charles H. Bigelow; A. M., Mrs. Etta Sargent; secre-tary, Mrs. Sophia E. Follansbee; treasurer, Mrs. Adeline M. Peck; conductress, Mrs. Harriet Morse; assistant conductress, Mrs. Abbia Hude.

Mr. and Mrs Jason Nye were in Montpelier At the annual meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps held last week, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Louise Clark; senior vice, Mrs. Emma Ditty; junior vice, Miss Susan Adams; treasurer, Mrs. Lottic Carpenter; secretary, Mrs. Laura Hood; chaplain, Mrs. Marion Bullard; conductress, Mrs. Lunette Durkee; assistant conductress, Mrs. Della Fisk; guard, Mrs. Emma Ditty; assist ant guard, Mrs. Jennie Davenport.

Mrs. Charles Blake is in quite poor health. Mrs. Annette Griswold of Plainfield, is with Mr. and Mrs. T. Caligan for a few days

Dea, Marcus Peck was a delegate from the Second Congregational church to the circular conference at the First Congregational church last Tuesday. Silver Star lodge of Good Templars cele Saver Star lodge of Good Templars cere brated its sixth anniversary last Wednesda evening with appropriate exercises. Addres by Mr. Beeman of South Royalton lodge, his tory by Miss Lizzie Lamson, with recitation and music, made up a pleasing program.

and music, made up a pleasing program.

Mrs. Louise Parmenter had a narrow escape
from a serious injury by falling downstairs
last week. She was badly bruised and lamed,
but is comfortable as could be expected. She is nearly eighty years of age-

Ryegate.

Boston for a week.

Aleck Davidson of Groton was in tox recently on optical business. The winter term of school throughout the town commenced on Monday, Dec. 3, with only one change of teachers. Mis Marion Whitlaw teaches No. 1. Miss Jessie Var-num resigned at the close of the fall term. Mr. and Mrs. Wi liam Thompson are in

Frank Gibson sold two hogs to N. H. Ricker last week, thirteen months old, that weighed 1,165 pounds live weight. George Sawyer of Newbury was recently

Mrs. M. J. McLam and lady friend were n Barnet last week, calling on Mrs. But-

Mrs. M. Clark has terminated her labors with the Corliss family and will spend the winter with her daughter Gladys, in Bar-

H. A. Nelson intends to get out the mate-Ricker Mills.

Charles Randal cut his foot quite badly last

Thursday working for A. H. Ricker.

Charles F. Jones has completed a stable for A. H. Ricker.

Mrs. Hight of Topsham is visiting at J. C. Harvey's.

Sylvanus Annis has moved into the house opposite Albert Clark's. He is working for A. H. Ricker.

Anstin Alaton has energy. site Albert Clark's. He is working for A. H. Ricker. — Austin Alston has engaged to work in the mill for J. R. Darling. — Mrs. E. D. Ricker is iii. — Scarlet fever is prevalent at Groton. — The Knights of Pythias held a masquerade promenade at their hall in Groton, Dec 14.

Is it a burn? Use Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. A cut? Use Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. At your druggists.

KWANG HSU A SPOILED CHILD.

Just How Far He Is Interes ed in Christianity-Bis Fits of Childish Rage.

When Kwang Hau was a young non was depositary of the North Chi a Tract society and librarian of the ac king university. For some weeks a cunuch from the palace came every day to secure a new book. Nor would be be put off without one. Something must be given to him, were it only leaffet on a religious topic. At last we were forced to take the Chinese medical books from my wife's private library to satisfy him, writes Prof. I. T. Headland, in Ainslee's.

The emperor gradually made a study of all kinds of religious books, books on chemistry, physics, medicine, the science of government, international law, political economy, mental and moral science, astronomy, physiology, mathematics-all books, in fine, that had been prepared or translated into the Chinese language on subjects relating to foreign science. It began to be rumored among the Chinese that Wan Sui, 10,000 years (the Chinese way of speaking of the emperor) was going to become a Christian.

The child had become a man, a selfmade, self-educated man. Never did anyone secure a liberal education under more difficult circumstances. Shut off from all the world, he learned about all the world. Born in the most conservative of empires, confined in the palace with two fogvish old women. without any examples of liberalism among his ancestors, and without guidance save his own, he became the mainstay of the liberal party of his coun-

Yet it must not be supposed from what I have said thus far of his majesty that because he was studying Christian books he was therefore be coming a Christian. The Chinese did report that he played at Christianity with the ennuchs, standing them up in classes and catechising them from the books he had read. As for instance:

"What gods do you worship?" "I worship Buddha."

"No, you don't." "Oh, no! I worship Jesus and the God of Heaven." "Correct."

But it takes more than the mere reading of books and the bias in favor of Christianity to make a Christian As a matter of fact, the Chinese idea of the emperor is that he is nothing but a spoiled child. They used to say: The empress downger ought to take him over her knee and spank him. It is told of him that once when he did not get what he wanted he grabbed a fine Swiss watch from a table in his rage, dashed it to the floor and stamped

it into smithereens. On another occasion the emperor had ordered several of his eunuchs to come to him. Only one of them put in an appearance. As the eunuch prostrated the third floor of the building in comhimself to kotow, the emperor, in a frenzy of vexation, kicked his slave in the mouth. The man who told me of this incident got his information direct, and exclaimed after he had re-

lated it to me: "What kind of a man is that to govern Spoiled child Kwang Hsu is, without tian, yet he is the only hope of China-

men to-day. STATESMEN'S WIVES.

Those of Some English Celebrities Have Been of Great Assist-

The recent death of Mrs. Gladstone, widow of the great English statesman, recalls the many services which she was able to render to her distinguished husband during their wedded life of nearly 60 years, says

Youth's Companion. She was in the fullest sense his comrade. She had an intelligent interest in the questions with which he had to deal, and he relied upon her judgment as well as her sympathy. He rarely made an important speech in parliament without her encouraging presence in the gallery. She went with him on his political campaigns,

and sat beside him on the platform. British electors are sometimes a little rough in expressing their dissent at political meetings. A characteristic story is told of Mrs. Gladstone that on one occasion, when her husband had to address a hostile audience at an open-air meeting in Greenwich, she won the day for him by standing at his side, with simple dignity, holding an umbrella over him as he spoke. The men who had gone there to howl down the orator

cheered him and his wife. Lord Beaconsfield, Mr. Gladstone's lifelong political opponent, owed nearly as much to the sympathy and devotion of his wife as Mr. Gladstone owed to his. If the lives of great statesmen were fully written, on their personal as well as on their public side, it would be found, in many cases, that they have been

greatly helped by their wives. The rule is by no means universal. Instances will readily suggest themselves in which wives of statesmen. by want of sympathy or of tact, have marred their husbands' careers. It is probably not so difficult to live with a statesman as with men of genius in some other fields of activity, but to do it calls for consideration, sympathy and a large degree of self-effacement. With these qualities a statesman's wife may well share his triumphs, for she has a large part in winning them.

To Remove Green Stains from Calleo. Dissolve two ounces of pearl ash in a quart of spring water, to which add two lemons cut into small pieces. Mix this well and keep it in a warm state two days by placing it near the fire; strain it off and keep it in a bottle for use. To use it pour a little upon the part, and when it disappears wash the part in cold water.-People's Home

Chicken Scallop.

Journal.

To prepare chicken scallop in the chafing dish, cut two cupfuls of cold chicken into dice and put it into two cupfuls of hot chicken stock. Pulverize the yolks of four hard-boiled eggs and mix them with one-half cupful of bread crumbs and one tablespoonful of melted butter. Add the chicken and serve as soon as hot .- N. Y. Tribune.

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DOMESTIC NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 -The general debate in the ouse yesterday on the revenue reduction bill closed at two o'clock, after which the bill was opened to amendment under the five minute rule. A determined effort was made to reduce the tax on beer below the committee rate of \$1.60 a barrel, but the ways and means committee over whelmed the opposition. The committee, however, sustained two signal defeats. In connection with the beer tax Mr. Payne, offered an amendment in the language of the bill passed by the House last session, designed to abolish the use of sms | bear packages ont-sixth and one-eighth barrais, but it was defeated by 85 to 94, after charges that its purpose was to crush out the amall breweries. Another defeat occurred in connection with the amendment offered by Henry C. Smith of Michigan. The bill abolished the onecent stamp tax on express receipts and telegraph messages. Mr. Smith's amendment restored the tax on express receipts and altered the form of the section so as to compel the company instead of the shipper to pay the tax. The amendment precipitated a lively debate, in the course of which Mr. Smith made a personal allusion to a United States Senator who is connected with one of the express companies. Payne vigorously fought the amendment, but it was carried, 123 to

Throughout nearly the entire legislative day the Senate was in secret session discussing the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. No business of importance was transacted in the brief open seasion, except the adoption of the House resolution providing for a boliday recess to extend from Friday, Dec. 21, to Thursday, Jan. 3.

DUNKIRK, D.c. 15 -Several persons perished in the fire which destroyed the State normal school in Fredonia. There were 75 young lady students in the building of which six perished. The other victim was the aged janitorr. pany with a matron and fifty other young women who succeeded in escaping by descending the fire escapes. Up to a late hour tonight one body was recovered from the ruins, which was

burned, beyon recognition. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- The Secretary of War has cabled instructions to Major General McArthur at Manila to begin the work of returning volunteer troops from the Philippines, in order to permit of their discharge in this

country by the 30th of June next, LONDON, Dec. 17 .- Lord Salisbury and his colleagues must today feel greatly relieved that Parliament was prorogued Saturday. A grim irony now attaches to Lord Roberts' description of the war as "over." Yesterday the war office, for the first time in many months, remained open throughout a Sunday in response to the demands of public anxiety to learn the

latest news. Lord Kitchener is reported to bave sent a fresh and urgent request to the government to send out every availble mounted man. With Gen. De-Wet again escaped through the British cordon in the neighborhood Thaba N'Chu the serious affairs at Vryheid and Zaston and the Magaliesberg disaster confronting the British people they may well begin to ask, as they do, why Lord Roberts is allowed to come

home. The colonial office announces its decision to enlist five thousand men instead of one thousand previously asked to be recruited in Great Britain for Baden-Powell's constabulary, which shows the recruiting in South Africa is less active than had been anticipated. Despatches from Lorenzo Marquez assert that all the Boer forces are plentifully supplied with ammunition but terribly in want of food and

clothing. LONDON, Dec. 17 .- The Evening Standard says fighting began at dawn today near Basutoland border between the British and 1,500 Boers. The Boers were surrounded at Orange River and after several hours' fighting, were defeated with very heavy losses.

PEKIN, Dec. 17 .- Definite instructions, supplementing Saturday's communication from London have been received by Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the Britsh minister, and he now de mands a modification of a point in the joint note which the foreign envoys generally regard as important. means lurther delay as all the ministers must communicate anew with their respective governments. Just what upon to declare the treaty void in the is the nature of the objection raised by respects before referred to." Attorney Great Britain the ministers decline to say but they admit that the new de-Great Britain the ministers decline to mand will involve a good deal more the

diplomatic procedure. BERLIN, Dec. 17 .- A portion of the German contingent that recently arrived from China was publicly received of itself under the Constitution, would Saturday in accordance with the ex- they not have written it so in express press desire of Emperor William, great erms? entausiasm being displayed by

crowds that lined the route from the Lehrter railway station, which was beautifully decorated. The troops bore the shot-riddled German flags which were taken into action at the storming of the Taka forts, together with several captured Chinese flags and guns. The procession went to the argenal, where the Chinese colors were deposited. Everywhere the men were greeted with

tumultuous cheering.
PEKIN, Dec. 17.—While a private of the Ninth United States Infantry was searching for stray mules Saturday near Ao-Si-Wu he arrived at a town, where he found a rapid-fire machine gun, with 5,000 rounds of ammunition, of which he took charge. He went back to the mail station for night, but on returning in the morning he found two loaded Winchesters, two other magazine rifles and 1,100 rounds of ammunition. When leaving the town he was fired upon, but he did not return the fire. A village five miles southeast of Ho-Si-Wu has been fired upon by Chinese twice within a half-mile of the mail station.

MANILA, Dec. 17 .- Advices from Iloilo, Island of Pansy, say the American troops have been moving north-ward and westward for several days and that detachments of the Sixth, Eighteenth and Twenty-stxth regiments have been active near their stations. The insurgent losses during the last ten days there have been five killed, several wounded and forty taken prisoners. The Americans have lost two killed and three wounded. Large numbers of the natives, however, are swearing allegiance to the United In various attacks and expeditions in Southern Luzon the insurgents have lost eight killed, seven wounded and about twenty captured. The Americans have lost one killed

and two wounded. Gen. Wheaton telegraphs that nearly 500 natives have entered Calauso fo registration. Most of the time of the Philippine commission is now devoted to the tariff bill. Judge Taft said today, that, generally speaking, the new rates would be about forty per cent of the existing rates.

FOREIGN

London, D c. 15 .- The fear that Kitchener had not told the worst of Clement's defeat at Magaliesberg was confirmed this morning. Kitchener wires: "Pretoris, Dec. 14. Clement brought his force to Commando Nek unopposed. Casualties were, I regret o say, heavy. Five officers and nine of other ranks were killed. Eighteen officers, 555 of other ranks, are missing. The latter included four companies of Northumberland Fusitiers stationed on the hill. Some Yeomanry and other details were sent up to support them.
(Signed) KITCHENER."

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- In the House of Commons today Lloyd George, Walsh Liberal, referring to Clement's defeat said: "Today's news aunounces one of our severest reverses. DeWet has broken through the British lines for the tenth time, making us the laughing

stock of the world. LONDON, Dec. 14 .- The Times makes the following statement regarding the China situation: "The general opinion is that China will willingly accede to the terms of the collective note and, trusting to dissensions among the powers, will hope that time will give her an opportunity to evade its conditions."

TIEN TSIN, Dec. 15 .- According to Chinese sources of information Emperor Kwang Su will agree to the following ten demands of the powers: Indemnity to the amount of 700,000,000 taels, payable within 60 years and guaranteed by the likin; the erection in Pekin of a suitable monument to the memory of Baron Von Ketteler; an imperial prince, a near relative to the Emperor, to go o Berlin to apologize and express regret for the murder; foreign troops to hold the lines of communication between Taku and Pekin; punishment of the Boxer officials; candidates from districts where anti-foreign outrages have been perpetrated not to be allowed to compete in the Cuinese examination in Pekin for five years: abolition of the Tsung-Li-Yamen; foreign envoys to have access to the Emperor at all times; importation of arms and ammunition into the Province of Chi-Li to be abolished; the land and the forts between Shau-Hai-Kwan

Taku and Pekin to be destroyed. MANILA, Dec. 15 .- From Itoilo it is officially reported that the insurgents in that part of the island of Panay are swearing allegiance at the rate of a thousand a day. The arrest of many prominent insurgents started the movement which seems to be becoming universal at Jaro, Molo, Mandurriao, Areveio and Iloilo. Considerable sums of money and large quantities of supplies have been cap nred by the Americans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- An important constitutional question involving the future political status of the territory acquired by the United States by conquest, came before the Supreme Court of the United States for argument this afternoon. The cases are appeals from duties levied on goods from Porto Rico and the Philippines. Attorney General Griggs, in his brief, contended that Porto Rico and Luzon be regarded as foreign, belonging to, but not forming, in a domestic sense, a part of the United States, that the Paris treaty did not intend to make Porto Rico and the Philippines integral parts of the United States or to make the inhab-

itants citizens. "So if the treaty is not to have effect as so intended, it must be because it violated in some respect the federal Constitution, and this court is called Constitution intended to restrict and limit their own government by forbidding this nation to hold sovereignty over subject territory not made a part